

away to him her young heart and love. This is the woman and her children and his, to whom the drunkard brings the most terrible of calamities, poverty, blighted beauty, premature old age, misery and a broken heart. Poor unfortunate wife! shivering she watches by the cradle side for him who pledged her his love. There is no food, no light, no fire. Famine and cold their wearying work have done. Her heart must break. Night after night in loneliness she prays for his return, and yet he sees no tear. He leaves love, leaves truth, his wife and child—for what? For the sake of rum! Poor wife, poor desolate children, homeless, about to be turned out upon the cold world, ragged, hungry and helpless, to be picked up and cared for by public and private charity. Ruin of families, poverty in its worst forms, disease and crime, premature death, and eternal misery, such are the terrible effects of alcohol.

One of our distinguished prelates, disgusted with the thought, that the means of producing all this misery and woe is openly countenanced and universally sustained, said; "Of all things that men drink there is no good in whiskey. Why not, if you will drink, drink the German beverage, Lager"? Lightning-killing whiskey ought to be banished from the country. The people who favor the sale of liquors maintain that the country would be sadly crippled financially, and that it is a pity, therefore, to oppose its sale. Expressions such as these find great favor among the enemies of mankind, and the friends of rum. But there is this to be considered along with the pecuniary advantage derived from the sale of liquor, that laws have to be enacted for the safety of the people who are under the influence of the vile article, there must be additional police appointed to see that order is preserved, more prisons must be built to accommodate those transgressing the pale of the law, while subject to the power of the poisonous cup; while the loss of morality in the meantime is not the least evil.

Reader, each and every one of us should have at heart the prosperity of this country. It is our home, sweet home. Hence we must cherish its hopes of a future prosperity, and